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SOURCE Chieh-fang Jih-pao.CHARGES IRRESPONSIBLE CADRES HINDER FAMINE RELIEF

KUO INVESTIGATES IRREGULARITIES -- Shanghai Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 17 Apr 50

The irresponsible and selfish cadre workers assigned to help famine relief in the districts north of Tsinan, Shantung, have delayed spring plowing. To correct the situation, Vice Chairman Kuo of Shantung has gone to the districts and has set a time limit of 20 days in which spring plowing and planting must be completed in conjunction with other famine relief activities.

The districts in question have suffered floods, insect blights, droughts, hailstorms, and KMT ravages. Their flooded areas in 1949 amounted to 380,000 out of the total 650,000 mou (one mou equals 1/6 acre) of arable acreage. The farmers were reduced to fishing, gathering fuel, weaving mats and hemp bags, and other small handiwork. Conditions became very serious in February 1950, with a great scarcity of food supplies. As a result, 89,538 persons, half of those without food, left the area. By March, the exodus had increased to 112,349 persons, which is more than 40 percent of the total population. Out of 223,694 mou of land planned for spring planting, 148,706 mou have not yet been plowed.

Some of the erroneous activities of cadres in the said districts which were greatly resented by the local populace include: failure to work with the masses, demands for loans, blackmailing, embezzlement, stealing, selling of goods for their own profit, and irrational demands for stored grain. In other respect, cadres failed to ascertain the problems and needs of the villages and failed to distribute supplies sent by the Central government.

CADRES LACK INITIATIVE -- Shanghai Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 17 Apr 50

In a certain locality in southern Kiangsu, cadre workers, carrying out their official duties mechanically without using their eyes and brains, have made the farmers concentrate on dike repair to the neglect of spring plowing. As a result, the farmers' interest and morale have deteriorated and the dike repair is below standard.

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REPRIMANDS CADRES IN SHANTUNG -- Shanghai Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 17 Apr 50

Cadre workers in the area of Shantung south of Yellow River have been criticized for voicing satisfaction over the fact that the spring plowing has been almost completed. Actually there are many problems not yet solved.

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